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FOR AMB. MEZVINSKY, USDEL TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER

FOLLOWING IS APPROVED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

BEGIN TEXT "THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TAKES PLACE THIS YEAR AS WE
COMMEMORATE THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF
THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PERHAPS NO
UN DOCUMENT IS AS WELL KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR THREE DECADES IT HAS BEEN VIEWED AS
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A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
AND A SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE. IN PART
BECAUSE OF THIS DOCUMENT, NO GOVERNMENT CAN NOW PRETEND
THAT ITS MISTREATMENT OF ITS OWN CITIZENS IS MERELY AN
INTERNAL AFFAIR. NO GOVERNMENT CAN NOW CLAIM IGNORANCE
OF THE NATURE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS.

"MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE TO GUARANTEE FOR ALL
PEOPLE THE RIGHTS PROMISED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LOOKS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION TO EXERT A MAJOR EFFORT IN THE QUEST FOR
UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS MY HOPE,
AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, THAT THE
COMMISSION WILL EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN A FAIR
AND COMPREHENSIVE MANNER. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS BODY,
WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THE WISDOM OF ALL THE GREAT TRADI-
TIONS OF THE WORLD, WILL FIND THE WAY TO HELP FULFILL THE
HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS OF HUMANITY, FOR PEACE, FOR A WORLD
WITHOUT WANT, FOR COMMUNITY, AND FOR INDIVIDUAL HUMAN
DIGNITY." END TEXT VANCE

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